



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL-BASED DECISION MAKING NEWSLETTER

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Operation Preparation

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is committed to ensuring Kentucky's students are college/career ready and prepared for success. It is imperative that all Kentucky students receive the appropriate guidance to acquire the pre-requisite knowledge and skills to be ready for college and/or career. KDE and the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet are joining forces for Operation Preparation, March 12-16, 2012. This week will focus attention on the importance of advising and provide a powerful opportunity for schools, students, parents and communities to collaborate in the college- and career-planning process.

Operation Preparation will provide every 8th- and 10th-grade student access to college/career advising. Using a student's Individual Learning Plan (ILP) and EXPLORE/PLAN data; a community advisor will guide students through a process that will help them prepare for their future as they move through high school and beyond. Potential advisors will receive training and be provided guidance on effective advising strategies to ensure a positive experience for all.

Final details are being developed with regard to volunteer screening and training; however, the initiative is being announced now so volunteers can start planning their schedules. For more information, contact Sharon Johnston at sharon.johnston@education.ky.gov or at (502) 564-2106.

Frequently Asked Question

Q: Does a parent school council representative need a criminal background check?

A: A school-based decision-making council parent representative shall submit to a state and national fingerprint-supported criminal history background check by the Department of Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The results shall be sent to the district superintendent. A parent school council representative may serve prior to the receipt of the criminal history background check report but must be removed from the school council if the background check documents any record of a sex crime or criminal offense against a victim who is a minor or is a classified as a violent offender. Further information can be found in KRS 160.380(10).

Clarification: SBDM Training Verifications

The training verification form is now available on the KDE website. As your school councils complete their required training, please be advised that any experienced members completing training through the KET EncycloMedia modules, "Senate Bill 1: Transforming Education in KY" will have KET listed as the trainer. Please forward the completed training verification form as an e-mail attachment to KDE at kdesbdmproject@education.ky.gov.

Reminder to Trainers

As the training season is coming to an end, trainers should be submitting a scanned copy of their original sign-in sheets and the tabulation of their evaluations for each of the sessions they led. As a part of quality control and to assist with planning for the 2012-13 school year, KDE will be reviewing these sign-in sheets and the evaluation tabulations to note challenges and successes in the training modules. Since the modules are in the process of being reviewed and revised, these two reports will provide us with great insight. Please submit these documents to KDE at kdesbdmproject@education.ky.gov.

Quotable Quotes

"If you believe in yourself and have dedication and pride and never quit, you'll be a winner. The price of victory is high but so are the rewards."

Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant (1913-83)

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